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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OFFICIAL AND DOCTORS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has instructed the atomic power stations tohold training and familiarisation programmes for district officials and doctors of Primary Health Centres;

(b) if so, the number of such training and familiarisation programmes organised by various atomic power stations so far, plant-wise;

(c) the extent to which the Off-Site Emergency Exercises (OSEE), conducted recently by certain power stations, are likely to fulfill their objectives; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to impress upon the district administration the importance of good coordination among various agencies during any emergency or disaster?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The training programmes to medical professionals are conducted in a centralised manner. Nine such programmes have been held. The training and familiarisation programme to District officials is conducted at all sites just before the off-site emergency exercise is planned which is once in two years.

(c) The off-site emergency exercises (OSEE) conducted by nuclear power stations could very satisfactorily fulfil the objectives of being in a state of preparedness for the unlikely event of an off-site emergency. After every off site exercise is conducted, the observers from different agencies such as Nuclear Power Corporation and Atomic Energy Regulatory Board give their comments on the exercise which are reviewed and short comings, if any, are rectified in the subsequent exercises.

(d) The improvement of off-site emergency preparedness is an on-going programme and it is carried out by continuous interaction between station authorities, district administration and other agencies.